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THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL
(Statements by President Carter)

"Exactly sixty years ago today, November 2, 1917, the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Balfour, informed Lord Rothschild of his government's support for the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine.

At that time the idea seemed visionary and few dared to believe that it could be translated into reality. But today Israel is a vital force, an independent and democratic state whose national existence is accepted and whose security is stronger today than ever before.

We are proud to be Israel's firm friend and closest partner. We shall stand by Israel always.

I doubt that anyone in the history of our country has traveled more than I have in my campaign for President, nor talked to more groups, nor listened to more questions, nor heard more comments. And when I say we will always stand with Israel, I speak not only for myself as President, not only for our government, all three of its branches, but I speak not just for American Jews, but for all Americans.

This is one of our deepest-felt commitments, and I have no doubt I speak accurately for the overwhelming portion of the American people now and forever...

Our relations with Israel will remain strong. Since the war in 1973, we have provided $10 billion in military and economic aid to Israel, about two-thirds of which was direct grants or concessional loans. The magnitude of this assistance is unprecedented in history. It has greatly enhanced Israel's economic and military strength. Our aid will continue."

--- from Address to the World Jewish Congress, November 2, 1977

"We have a commitment to the preservation of Israel as a nation, to the security of Israel, the right of the Israeli people who have suffered so much to live in peace, that is absolutely permanent and unshakeable."

--- from Welcoming Remarks to Prime Minister Begin at the White House, March 21, 1978

UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL
(Millions of Dollars)

	FY 49-64	FY 65	FY 66	FY 67	FY 68	FY 69	FY 70	FY 71
Security Supporting Assistance	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
(Cash Grant)								
(C.I.P. Grant)								
(C.I.P. Loan)								
Foreign Military Sales Credit	27.4	12.9	90.0	7.0	25.0	85.0	30.0	545.0
(Loans)	(27.4)	(12.9)	(90.0)	(7.0)	(25.0)	(85.0)	(30.0)	(545.0
(Portion of Loans Forgiven)								
Development Assistance	485.6	20.0	10.0	5.5	---	---	---	---
AID Housing Guarantee	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
PL-480	279.1	28.8	26.8	0.6	51.8	36.7	41.1	55.8
Title I (Loan)	(222.4)	(28.3)	(25.9)	--	(51.3)	(36.1)	(40.7)	(55.5)
Title II (Grants)	(56.7)	(0.5)	(0.9)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.4)	(0.3)
Immigrant Assistance	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
American Schools and Hospitals	---	--	--	1.0 1/	6.0 1/	--	12.5	2.5
EXIM Bank Long Term Loans	213.2	3.4	--	9.6	23.7	38.6	10.0	31.0
Other	.1							
Total Assistance:	1,005.4	65.1	126.8	23.7	106.5	160.3	93.6	634.3
(Grants)	367.8	0.5	0.9	1.6	6.5	0.6	12.9	2.8
(Loans)	637.6	64.6	125.9	22.1	100.0	159.7	80.7	631.5

UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL
(Millions of Dollars)

	FY 72	FY 73	FY 74	FY 75	FY 76	TQ-76	FY 77	FY 78	Total FY 49 FY 78
Security Supporting Assistance	50.0	50.0	50.0	324.5	700.0	75.0	735.0	785.0	2769.5
(Cash Grant)					(150.0)	(15.0)	(300.0)	(300.0)	
(C.I.P. Grant)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(324.5)	(325.0)	(35.0)	(190.0)	(225.0)	
(C.I.P Loan)					(225.0)	(25.0)	(245.0)	(260.0)	
Foreign Military Sales Credit	300.0	300.0	2,482.7	300.0	1,500.0	200.0	1000.0	1000.0	7905.0
(Loans)	(300.0)	(300.0)	(982.7)	(200.0)	(750,0)	(100.0)	(500.0)	(500.0)	
(Portion of Loans Forgiven)			(1,500.0)	(100.0)	(750.0)	(100.0)	(500.0)	(500.0)	
Development Loans	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	521.1
AID Housing Guarantee	50.0	---	25.0	25.0	25.0	---	25.0	25.0	175.0
PL-480	54.2	60.3	1.5	9.0	15.2	---	8.3	7.0	676.2
Title I (Loan)	(53.8)	(59.4)	(.14)	(9.0)	(15.2)	---	(8.3)	(7.0)	
Title II (Grants)	(0.4)	(0.9)	(.1)	---	---	---	---	---	
Immigrant Assistance	2.0	49.0	36.5	40.0	15.0	---	15.0	20.0	177.5
American Schools and Hospitals	5.6	4.4	3.3	2.5	3.6	1.3	4.6	N/A	47.3+
EXIM Bank Long Term Loans	14.0	19.3	35.1	35.7	81.1	9.5	---	N/A	524.2+
Other (Desalting Program)	---	---	---	20.0	---	---	---	---	20.1
Total Assistance:	475.8	483.0	2,634.1	756.7	2,339.9	285.8	1787.9	1837.0+	12,815.9
(Grants)*	58.0	104.3	1,589.9	487.0	1,243.6	151.3	1009.6	1080.0+	6117.3
(Loans)	417.8	378.7	1,044.2	269.7	1,096.3	134.5	778.3	757.0+	6698.6

* Includes FMS loans which have been forgiven